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SUBJECT: R/V HERO CLEARANCE REQUEST, 22-30 SEPT 1977

1. R/V HERO, A PUBLIC VESSEL OPERATED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN CHILEAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING 22-30 SEPT 1977. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF NITROGEN DIOXIDE IN THE AIR AS IT HAS A DIRECT BEARING ON THE PHOTOCHEMICAL PRODUCTION OF OZONE. THE VARIABILITY OF NITROGEN DIOXIDE WITH LATITUDE WILL BE DETERMINED. A SPECTROMETER WOULD BE PLACED ABOARD HERO IN TALCAHUANO AND REMOVED AT USHUAIA. THE SPECTROMETER MERELY SCANS SKYWARD AND RECORDS THE AMOUNT OF NITROGEN DIOXIDE PRESENT. COMMERCIAL ROUTING WILL BE FOLLOWED THROUGH THE PANTAGONIAN CANALS AS INSTRUCTED BY THE CHILEAN SCIENTIST EMBARKED; THEREFORE A CRUISE TRACK IS NOT BEING POUCHED. NO OTHER RESEARCH WILL BE PERFORMED.

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- 2. DR. JOHN F. NOXON OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) IS THE CHIEF SCIENTIST AND THE RESEARCH IS FUNDED BY NOAA. ONE CHILEAN SCIENTIST SHOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE ON THE CRUISE AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED.
- 3. CAPTAIN OF HERO IS NORMAN DENISTON WITH A CREW OF 12.

HERO IS 300 GROSS TONS, 125 FT. LONG AND HAS A DRAFT OF 15 FT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WY 3918 AND SHIP MONITORS 2182 KHZ.

4. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK PERMISSION FOR R/V HERO TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN CHILEAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING 22-30 SEPT. 1977. CHRISTOPHER

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